



# The Bookworm Ages 0-2

From your Local Library and Idaho's Read to Me Program

## The Importance of Talking

Research shows that children who have spent a lot of time "talking" with adults learn more words, and this helps them become better readers. Knowing many words will help your child recognize and understand written words and language.

To help your young child build words:

- Talk to your child, a lot! Research shows that parents who talk to their children more often have children with larger word banks, or "vocabulary."
- Encourage babies to communicate with you by repeating their cooing sounds back to them. "Ba ba ba." "Ga ga ga."
- Tell your baby what you are doing as you go about your daily activities. "I'm getting cereal because I can see that you are hungry." "It's cold outside, so we are putting on your coat and hat!" Describe what your baby is doing. "You're smiling! I see you are happy today."
- Speak in the language that is most comfortable for you.
- Read to your child every day. Children's books have more rare words than every day conversations. Talk about the stories and pictures in books.

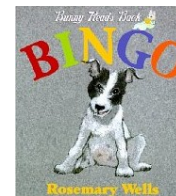
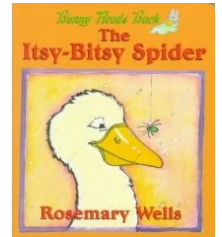
Parents who talk to their children throughout the day are giving them a gift. The language they learn will help them enjoy and understand the world around them and help prepare them to become lifelong learners.

## Book of the Month

### *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Rosemary Wells

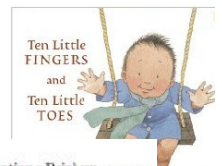
This favorite rhyme is part of the *Bunny Reads Back* series. Because they already know the words, young children have fun "reading" the story back to you by looking at the pictures.

Look for more *Bunny Reads Back* board books at your library:

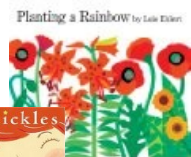


### More books babies/toddlers will love:

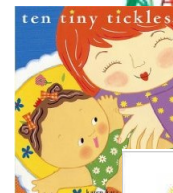
*Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes*, Mem Fox



*Planting a Rainbow*, Lois Ehlert



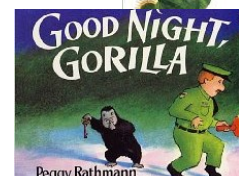
*Ten Tiny Tickles*, Karen Katz



*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, Eric Carle



*Goodnight Gorilla*, Peggy Rathmann



## More fun with *Itsy Bitsy Spider*...

### Sharing books with your baby:

- Pick the best time. The best time is when you and baby are in a good mood.
- Show baby the book. Point to the pictures and talk in your most exciting voice.
- Talk and have fun. Remember to touch and love baby the whole time.
- Watch what baby does. Let baby play with the book if he or she wants to and stop if baby gets upset.
- Share a book with baby every day. Even just a few minutes is important.

**Science and nature:** Visit your local library to check out books about spiders.

**Music and movement:** Sing the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" song, either as you read the book or without it. You can hear the tune and watch a video at



[http://bussongs.com/songs/itsy\\_bitsy\\_spider.php](http://bussongs.com/songs/itsy_bitsy_spider.php)

**Building words:** You can help build your toddler's vocabulary by changing the words "itsy bitsy" to "teeny tiny," or "great big!" Make the hand movements match as you change the words.

### Nursery Rhyme

#### Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on her tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.

Along came a spider  
And sat down beside her  
And frightened Miss Muffet away!



## Action Song for Toddlers



### The Spider in the Web

Sung to the tune: "Farmer in the Dell"

The spider in the web,  
The spider in the web,  
Spin, spin, oh watch him spin,  
The spider in the web.

The spider eats a \_\_\_\_\_ (bug name)  
The spider eats a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Spin, spin, oh watch her spin,  
The spider in the web.

*Add a different bug name each time you sing the song!*



### What your library can do for you...

Don't have a library card? You can still visit your library for storytimes or to read with your child. Or you can ask your librarian about how to apply for your own card today!

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